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Gorodomlya Island is located at the southeast end of Lake Seliger, about six km northwest of the town of Ostashkov. It is one of four islands in the immediate area, but to my knowledge there are no installations of any interest or importance on any of the others. Gorodomlya Island is approximately 3 x 1.5 km all measurements  are approximations/ and irregular in shape see attached sketch. A barbed wire fence, two m high, and consisting of strands 20 cm apart, surrounded the entire island. Patrols were stationed along this fence 24 hours a day; guard posts were located at the three entrances.

## Site Layout

See attached sketch on which the following points are located.

Point 1 Southeast landing pier

Two m wide and 25-30 m long; a bridge was located at the end. This pier was used by the regular steamer, which could carry 200-300 passengers.

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Points 2  
& 40Bathing Areas (For German personnel)

The fence gates leading to this area were usually kept open the year around, presenting an unguarded spot. Only children under the age of 16 were permitted to boat off shore from the island, but all of us were allowed to swim. These areas were only 500 meters from the nearest island (to the west).

Points 3,  
23 & 43Small Guard Houses

These included waiting rooms for boat passengers.

Point 4Soviet Village (For some of the Soviet employees)

This was the original settlement on the island and consisted of 12-15 old houses or huts. A church, used for housing and community projects, was located in this village.

Point 5Hay BarnPoint 6Livestock StablesPoint 7Lake

This lake, occasionally used for boating, was connected with Lake Seliger.

Points 7a  
& 7bSmall IslandsPoint 8Generator Plant

Equipped with three generators of 200, 250, and 1000 kw. These generators were located in a stone house about 20 x 20 m and were powered by diesel engines. The rear of the plant faced a small lake; the other three sides were surrounded by a fence at which a guard was stationed at all times. Upon our arrival on the island, the generator plant did not function properly and we seldom had sufficient electricity. Later its operation improved.

Point 9Building

Constructed of stone, one story high, 20 x 12 m; the finished basement contained the heating plant for the main building (Point 34). A steam bath (Sauna), a laundry, and a small electrical shop were also located here.

Point 9aBuilding

Small, two-storied; used only by the Soviets. A small maintenance shop, a supply room, a tool storage room and some small offices were located in this building.

Point 9bBlacksmith Shop

Equipped with forging tools.

Point 9cWater Tower

Ten m high; this tower had a capacity of 8 tons.

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Point 10Administration Building

A one-story stone structure, 15 x 12 m, which housed the director's office, the accounting department, a general administration section, and the cashier's office, where rent and utilities were paid.

Point 11Building

A canteen, restaurant, and bakery were located in this building.

Point 12Building

One-story, wooden; had central heating; 12-14 German families lived here.

Points 13  
14, 15, and  
16New Wooden Houses

For Soviets only (with one exception-- a German family which collaborated with the Soviets a great deal): equipped with central heating. [redacted] one of these buildings (Point 13) was not yet completed.

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Point 17Small House

Two Soviet families dwelt in this house.

Points 18  
& 27Small Swampy LakePoint 19Alcohol (B-Stoff) Storage Area

The entire area measured 20 x 20 m, and it was enclosed by a barbed wire fence and was under armed guard 24 hours a day. Six containers of 400 liters' capacity each were located here; they were under a roof and were protected by earthen walls (Erd bunker). The area was equipped with a pipe which led to the side of the lake, where ships carrying rocket fuel anchored. Fuel was pumped into the containers from these ships. The rocket fuel was then transported to the test area (Object No. 1--Point 28) by tank truck. Issue was made by the supply clerk at the main supply storage area (Point 25).

Point 20Saw Mill

This saw mill operated almost continuously, producing boards and lumber for the entire island. Most of the timber was cut on the island, but some logs were also brought in from outside.

Point 21Diesel Fuel Containers

Two or three containers of ten tons' capacity each.

Point 22Supply and Storage Shed

Old V-2 parts which had been cannibalized from missiles were stored here and issued for re-use.

Point 23

[See Point 3.]

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Point 36    Wood Shed

Point 37    Dispensary

A one-story wooden structure, 25 x 12 m, without central heat. It included a ten-bed ward and was staffed by 2 women doctors, 1 woman dentist, and 4 or 5 nurses.

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Point 39    Antenna Tower

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Thirty meters high; [ ] it was used in conjunction with the test area (Point 38).

Point 40    /See Point 2/

Point 41    Main Guard House

This house contained the office of the commander of the guard and a small cell for temporary prisoners. Twenty watch dogs were kenneled at the rear of the guard house.

Point 42    Path (Exit leading to Ostashkov)

Used when the lake was frozen. Usually, however, the ice was thick enough to permit pedestrian traffic from 15 November to 15 April; it could support sleighs and trucks after 1 January. During the winter a guard was posted at this exit.

Point 43    /See Point 3/

Point 44    Wood and Tool Shed

Point 45    School

A one-story wooden building, central heated. It included 8 rooms and had a total capacity of 100 pupils. Most of the teachers were Russian, and from the 5th grade on all instruction was conducted in the Russian language.

Point 46    Tennis Court No 2

Point 47    Two-Story Stone Houses

These houses, 26 x 12 m each, accommodated about 14 German families in 3-room apartments.

Point 48    Houses for German Specialists

Two-story, wooden buildings, 24 x 12 m; each accommodated ten families. Most families were allotted two rooms and a kitchen, although in some cases two families had to share one kitchen. The buildings were heated by wood stoves and were equipped with cold running water, but there were no baths. The rent was low (as was the price

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Point 24 North Harbor and Pier

Ten m wide, 35 m long, equipped with an electric crane with a capacity of one ton, and a block and tackle for heavier loads. This pier was used for passengers as well as freight traffic, particularly during stormy weather, because it was more sheltered than the southeast landing (Point 1). Most of the cargo was brought in on barges pulled by a tug boat.

Point 25 Main Supply Storage Area

Measuring 50 x 100 m and enclosed by a fence made of boards and wire (and rather untidy in appearance). Two guard dogs were kept in this area at night. Three buildings were located within the enclosure: a shop, 10 x 40 m, partitioned into sections for storing construction and electrical equipment and such items as asbestos suits, etc; a small storage shed for miscellaneous materials; and a small house and office where a supply clerk was on duty all day and a guard all night. All requisitions had to be signed by the Soviet chief engineer and the chief accountant.

Point 26 Garage

Could accommodate 3 or 4 trucks.

Point 27 Small Swampy LakePoint 28 Object No 1

Test area for rocket propulsion units. This area, about 200 x 150 meters, was enclosed by a fence, and a guard was on duty at all times. Two watch dogs were chained within the enclosure during the night.

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Point 29 Fire Station

Equipped with 2 hose trucks and staffed by a permanent detail of 24 Soviets.

Point 30 Sewage Treatment PlantPoint 31 Carpenter ShopPoint 32 Shop

General sheet metal work was done here.

Point 33 Potato Storage Shed (Underground)Point 34 Institute Building

A two-story stone structure with a finished basement and central heating. The institute was surrounded by a fence, but the guard post was located inside the building at the entrance, where all persons were checked.

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Point 35 Nursery (Soviet children only)

A wooden one-story structure.

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for utilities) and was calculated on a basis of square meters of space used. We bought our own wood, which was quite expensive. Electricity was installed in 1949. Generally, we used our own furniture, but furniture could also be rented from the Soviets.

Point 49

Main Street From the North Harbor to the South Harbor

Point 50

A dirt road about 10 m wide; in use the year around.

Point 50a

Wood Sheds  
Tool Shed

Point 51

Volleyball Court

Point 52

Club Building

This building contained a recreational area for the Germans and an auditorium which had a seating capacity of 300 and which was used for political indoctrination lectures, movies, etc. There was also a recreation room with ping-pong tables, etc, and a library which contained books in both German and Russian. Most of the reading material was of a political nature. Three stores were located in this building--two food stores (one for Germans and another for Soviet clientele) and a drygoods store. This structure was equipped with central heating.

Point 53

Tennis Court No 1

Point 54

Apartment Building

A stone structure, equipped with a bathroom but not with central heating. German families lived in half of the building and the Soviet director of Gorodomlya as well as transient Soviet VIPs were billeted in the other half.

Point 55

Wooden House(For German families)

(Described under Point 48.)

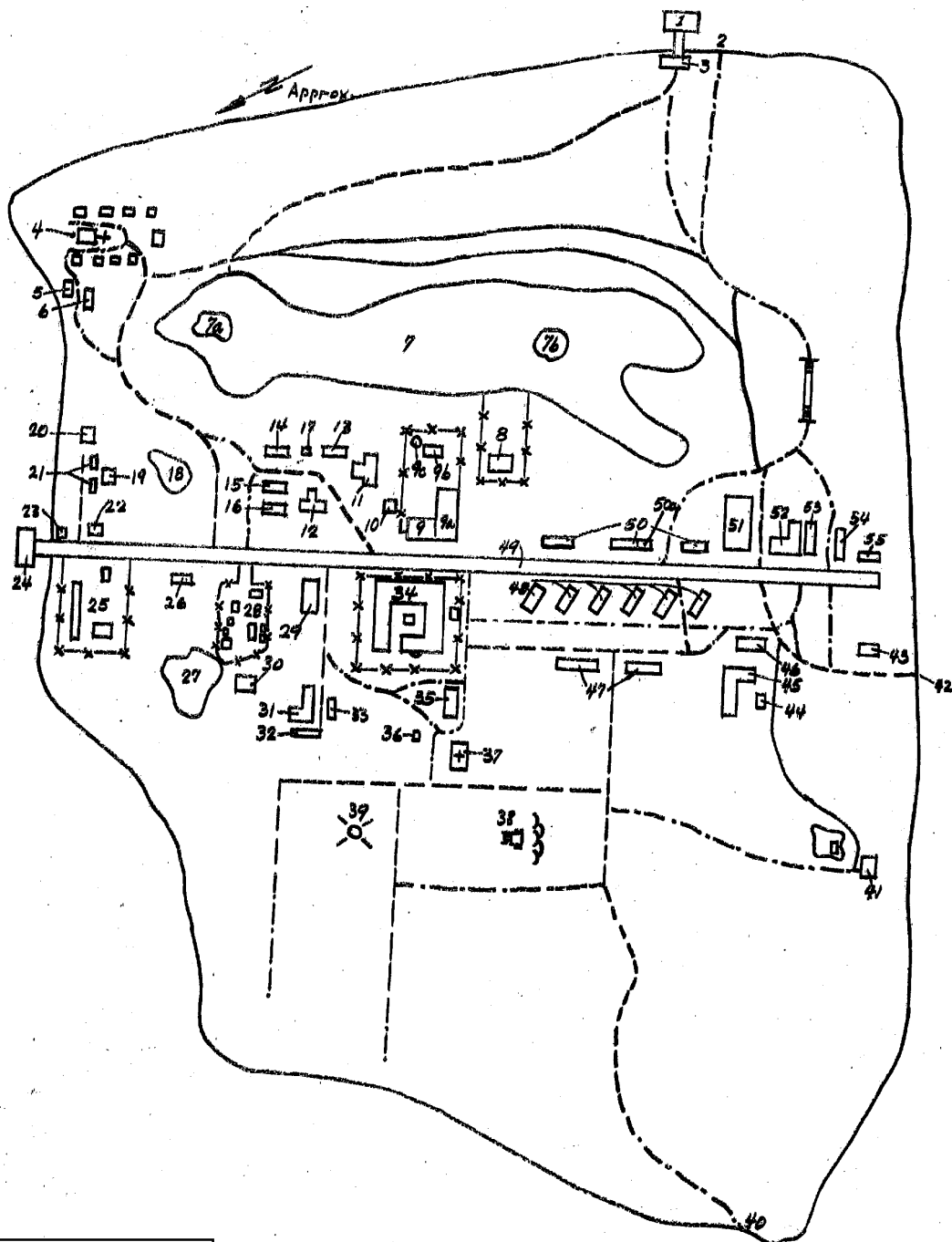
Attachment: Sketch of the Layout of Gorodomlya Island

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